TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator

Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director

DATE: September 14, 2021

RE: Meeting Notice

Monday, September 20, 2021 5:30 p.m., La Crescent City Hall

315 Main Street

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions.
- 2. Consideration of meeting minutes August 24, 2021.
- 3. Kickoff meeting for the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. Representatives from MSA will be in attendance at the meeting. Memo included.
 - Project schedule and scope.
 - Draft on-line community survey.
 - Recommendations from the 2012 Park & Recreation Plan.
 - La Crescent park assessment form.
 - Discuss public walking tour and first public open house.
 - Discuss park system needs and wants.
- 4. Additional Discussion Items.
- 5. Adjournment.

Please call me at 895-2595, or e-mail me at bwaller@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information.

Thank you.

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator

DATE: September 8, 2021 RE: Meeting Minutes August 24, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, Randy Dobbs, Eileen Krenz and Linda Gasper. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

- 1. Brief introductions were held.
- 2. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
- 3. The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft of a memorandum of understanding between the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA) and the City of La Crescent. Jed Olson, the Executive Director of ORA, was in attendance at the meeting and reviewed the draft agreement. Discussion followed, and input and comments were received from those in attendance at the meeting. This item was informational, and no action was taken.
- 4. John and Kathy Klug were in attendance at the meeting on behalf of the local pickleball ambassadors. The Klug's provided an overview on pickleball and the growing popularity of the sport across the country. This item was informational, and no action was taken.
- 5. The Commission assembled a preliminary list of items/projects/improvements to be considered as part of the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. The preliminary list included the following items:
 - Pickleball courts
 - Outdoor skating rink(s)
 - Shelter at Veterans Park
 - Shelter at Wieser Park
 - Replacement of playground equipment at Wieser Park
 - Location for a dog park
 - Splashpad
 - Lights on the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park
 - Root River Bike Trail extension
 - Wagon Wheel Project phases 1, 3, and 4
 - Drift bike share

- Frisbee/disc golf
- Fishing at the equalization culvert
- Input from kids/students
- Observation deck for bird watching at Blue Lake near the City maintenance facility
- Trail maintenance
- Trail mapping/markers
- Signage/benches
- Band shell
- Apple Blossom Overlook Park partnership
- Update City website to include park features at each City park
- Add City trails to trails app
- Community orchard
- 6. The Commission reviewed upcoming meeting dates and the first steps in the process to update the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.
- 7. The Commission reviewed a draft of a letter to the organizers of the effort to install lights at the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park advising the organizers that the project has not been approved by the City, and that there is no guarantee that the lights will be installed at the park even if the organizers are successful with their fund-raising activities. It was the consensus of the Commission to forward the letter as presented.
- 8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission would be Monday, September 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
- 9. There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:04 pm.



To: La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission

From: Becky Binz, AICP, Project Manager

Subject: September 20, 2021 Park & Recreation Commission – Park & Rec Plan Update Kickoff

Date: September 13, 2021

MSA has begun assisting the City in the process of updating the La Crescent Park & Recreation Plan. MSA will be attending your September 20th meeting to kick-off the project. At the meeting we intend to review the following items:

- 1. Project Schedule and Scope. A copy of the project schedule and scope is included in your packet.
- 2. **Draft On-Line Community Survey.** A pdf copy of the draft survey is included in your packet. Please return survey edits to Bill by Friday Sept. 24. The survey will be available online from Friday Oct 1 through Friday Oct 29.
- 3. Recommendations from the 2012 Park and Recreation Plan. Staff have been asked to review the list of actions from the prior plan and include notes regarding those prior recommendations that have either been (1) completed, (2) not completed but should likely be carried forward into the next plan, and (3) those prior recommendations that were not completed and should likely not be carried forward into the next plan. We do not intend to go through this document in detail. We have included this information in your packet so that you can refresh yourself with the recommendations of the last plan and to inform responses to item #6 below. Future meetings can be used to discuss uncompleted projects to carry forward.
- 4. La Crescent Park Assessment Form. Please individually, or as a group, tour the City's parks and complete the attached worksheet. This worksheet will ask you to identify improvement projects considering a number of aspects per park.
- 5. Discuss Public Walking Tour and first Public Open House. Discuss logistics for both events.
- 6. **Meeting Questions.** Please take a look at these questions before the meeting on the 20th and gather your initial thoughts:
 - a. Thinking about the park system as a whole list $\underline{3}$ things you think are strengths in the park system.
 - b. Thinking about parks individually or as a whole list <u>3 things</u> you think should be added.
 - c. Needs/wants for Eagles Bluff Park
 - d. Needs/wants for Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point
 - e. Needs/wants for Horse Track Meadows Development Park



SCOPE OF WORK – LA CRESCENT COMPREHENSIVE PARK & RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

May 5, 2021

Project Overview

We understand the City of La Crescent would like to engage a consultant to update its 2012 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan (CPRP) to reflect changes in the community since that effort, and plan for future changes in the community. To this end we will take a deep dive into the City's park system to ensure the community has the parks it needs and connected assets within the community now and in the future. The planning process will be an iterative one with the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC), and include evaluating your needs and wants, first with a standard assessment and then by seeking the opinions and preferences of residents. The plan will include master plans and more extensive recommendations for the following parks: 1 – Eagles Bluff Park, 2 – Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park and 3 – Horse Track Meadows Development. The planning effort will result in an updated parks and recreation system vision for the City, cost estimates tied to a prioritized list of improvements, and funding and partnership strategies to set the City up for implementation success.

Project Committee and Oversight

We anticipate working with the PRC to offer guidance on the process, review materials prepared, plan for public engagement, and recommend the draft plan for adoption consideration. We further anticipate that the City Administrator will be our primary point of contact for arranging meetings and will attend PRC meetings.

Phase 1: Outline Mission, Goals, and Objectives (September 2021)

Task 1.1: In-Person PRC Meeting #1 (Week of 9/6/2021)

MSA will conduct an in-person kickoff meeting with the PRC to:

- Verify the project schedule and deliverables.
- · Discuss draft community survey and outreach methodologies.
- Plan for the first public open house event and public walking tour.
- Discuss issues, opportunities and desired improvements within the City's park system.

During the time between the first and second PRC meetings, we will invite members of the Commission to individually, or as a group, tour the City's parks (without MSA present). We will provide a Park Assessment Form which will ask Commission members to identify improvement projects considering a number of aspects per park.

Task 1.2: Existing Conditions Documentation

MSA will create base maps and complete a desktop review of utilities, topography, slopes, wetland/floodplain for the three master planning sites. MSA will also review the following plans and incorporate applicable recommendations and policies into the CPRP:

- 2012 La Crescent Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan
- 2016 La Crescent Comprehensive Plan
- 2016 LAPC Blufflands Plan
- 2017 La Crescent Blufflands Plan

Phase 2: Update Park Standards and Inventory (September-October 2021)

Task 2.1: Park Inventory & Assessment

MSA will tour the City's parks to complete an inventory and evaluation of existing park facilities. MSA will utilize existing data provided by the City related to the type of facilities and year built and supplement this data with a general evaluation of existing park facilities through on-site observation. This information will

be used to assist with the development of recommendations for maintenance, replacement or new facilities.

Task 2.2: Geographic/Locational Analysis

- Map 1 Existing Parks and Trails. A map of the location of existing City parks and trails using available GIS data. This map will also include the locations of county, state and federal park and recreational lands/facilities in or adjacent to the City.
- Map 2 Park Facility Distribution. A map visually depicting the type of recreational facilities available in each City park, including whether the facilities are lighted. This map is useful in determining where portions of the City may, or will be underserved or overserved by certain types of amenities.
- Map 3 Park Service Areas. A map identifying service areas for each City park.
- Map 4 Potentially Underserved Areas. A heat map combining population density and park service areas to identify places in the community which are underserved by parks, and parks which might require additional maintenance and repair due to heavy use.

Task 2.3: Quantitative Analysis

MSA will analyze the amount of parkland per person available to City residents based on current and estimated population projections. The results of this analysis will indicate projected deficits or surpluses of total park land, in five-year increments, through 2040. MSA will also compare this data to that of similar sized communities using the National Recreation and Park Association's latest metrics.

Phase 3: Public Engagement/Qualitative Analysis (September-November 2021)

Task 3.1: Staff Meeting #1

For all PRC meetings for this project, MSA proposes the following sequence of staff meetings via conference call, email, or Skype:

- Three weeks before PRC meeting transmit draft meeting materials to staff for review.
- Two weeks before PRC meeting audio or video conference call with staff to review materials.
- One week before PRC meeting transmit to staff for delivery to PRC revised draft materials as necessary and a summary memo highlighting important topics for discussion.

Task 3.2: Virtual PRC Meeting #2 (November)

MSA will meet with the PRC to:

- Review public feedback (survey, community input mapping, walking tour, and open house)
- Review Maps 1-4 and summary results of Phase 2
- Discuss community needs regarding the three sites that master plans will be prepared for

Task 3.3: Online Community Survey

We propose using an online survey (administered via Survey Monkey) to gather opinions about existing and desired park and recreation facilities and programming. The survey would be available for three to four weeks. MSA will provide a summary report of the survey results. Results will be used to gauge user preferences and determine potential changes or additions to parks to better serve the population.

Task 3.4: Community Input Mapping

We will provide a sharable link to an online map to allow the public to identify concerns with existing park and trail amenities as well as suggest locations for new ones. This application allows anyone, at any time and anywhere convenient for them to take part in the planning process.

Task 3.5: Public Walking Tour (9/25/21 or 10/2/21)

We will invite the Natural Resources Advisory Group and the public to walking tours at Eagles Bluff Park and Stoney Point on the same day – these two tours will be spaced out so people can attend both if they wish. The tours will include a brief presentation on the project and focus on soliciting what the public views as opportunities at each of the sites.

Task 3.6: Public Open House (First Open House to occur 10/5/2021 or 10/12/21)

We are proposing two events for the public to provide in-person feedback. For the first event we will set up a tent at an existing event, such as the Farmer's Market. This goal of this first event is to gauge needs and concerns of residents through displayed maps and polling questions. The second event will be held near the end of the planning process to ask for feedback on draft plan recommendations and concepts. For the second public meeting we are proposing a more traditional public open house event where people can drop into the meeting, voice their opinions and leave. The event will include a brief orientation with several interactive stations.

Task 3.7: Stakeholder Focus Group

We will hold one virtual focus group with representatives from private sports and outdoor recreation organizations who regularly use City parks to discuss park and recreation needs.

Phase 4: Conceptual Plans (November 2021-January 2022)

Task 4.1: Develop Conceptual Master Plans and Recommendations

After the completion of the Park Inventory and Assessment and initial public engagement, MSA will develop Conceptual Plans for 1 – Eagles Bluff Park, 2 – Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park and 3 – Horse Track Meadows Development. This will include schematic level construction cost estimates to guide budget discussions as improvements occur. Recommendations for the sites will address:

- forestry and vegetation management
- invasive species management
- viewshed/overlook maintenance
- access and parking
- trail locations and uses
- · other recreational uses
- shelters and restrooms
- signage
- incorporation of solar/renewable energy facilities (Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park)

Preliminary concepts will provide a schematic level layout of proposed park improvements and general recommendations.

Phase 5: Preliminary Recommendations (December 2021-February 2022)

Task 5.1 Preliminary Park Needs

We will develop a list of proposed park and recreation improvements by park. These proposed improvements will be based on the work completed in Phases 1-4 and local and national trends.

Task 5.2: Staff Meeting #2

MSA will facilitate a virtual meeting with staff to review preliminary concept plans and recommendations. Edits will be made to the concept plans and recommendations based on feedback obtained from this meeting.

Task 5.3: Virtual PRC Meeting #3

MSA will facilitate a virtual meeting with the PRC to review preliminary concept plans and recommendations. Edits will be made to the concept plans and recommendations based on feedback obtained from this meeting.

Phase 6: Draft Plan (February-March 2022)

Task 6.1: Plan Development

MSA will draft the La Crescent Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, including master plans for the three selected sites, which will include the following chapters:

- Executive Summary: A clear and concise synopsis of park needs and recommendations.
- <u>Chapter 1—Introduction:</u> Summary of the purpose of the plan and summary of the planning process.
- Chapter 2—Description of La Crescent: Matrix of existing parks and open space throughout the City including location, existing characteristics, classification, and amenities; Map 1 (Existing

Parks and Trails); summary of local recreational facilities not owned or operated by the City; summary of significant natural resources such as waterways, greenways, topography and woodlands; summary of existing and projected demographics; summary of other applicable planning efforts/studies and their impact on park planning.

- <u>Chapter 3—Goals and Strategies:</u> An update of the previous CPRP's outdoor recreation
 principals and objectives. Updated goals and strategies will be based on City staff and PRC input,
 best practices, and alignment with the National Recreation and Park Association's Three Pillars:
 Conservation, Social Equity and Health/Wellness.
- Chapter 4—Analysis of Park Needs and Demands: A summary of the quantitative, geographic, and qualitative analyses completed in Phases 1-3, including Map 2 (Facility Distribution), Map 3 (Park Service Areas and Populations Served) and Map 4 (Potentially Underserved Areas). Determine gaps and deficiencies based on projected future needs. A summary of current and emerging trends in recreation facilities and programming demand (state, NRPA, peer communities).

Chapter 5—Recommendations:

- Existing Parks. MSA will create a one- to two-page summary sheet for each existing park similar to the spread view shown below. The spread will include the following information: name of park; address; park acreage; park type; a summary table of existing facilities including year installed (as provided by staff); any current issues; a summary table of recommendations including priority (e.g. low, medium, high) and planning-level cost estimates. The two-page spread will also include a picture and a map of each park.
- New Park Facilities. MSA will summarize areas proposed for future City parks, or expansions to existing parks, and new trails as determined through the planning process. MSA will identify the general location of these proposed improvements on Map 5 (Proposed Park and Trail Facilities).
- <u>Trail Facilities.</u> Identification of proposed trail facility improvements, focusing on connecting existing and proposed multi- use trails to parks and other community facilities, and further focused on upgrading deficient routes currently marked but unsafe for use. These will be depicted on Map 5.
- Conceptual Master Plans for 3 Selected Sites. MSA will refine the preferred elements of the preliminary concept plans into final conceptual master plans. Recommendations for the sites will address a variety of topics – forestry and vegetation management, invasive management, viewshed maintenance, access and parking, trail locations and uses, other recreational uses, shelters and restrooms, signage, and incorporation of solar/renewable energy facilities.

Chapter 6—Implementation

- Capital Improvement Summary. A summary table of recommendations from Chapter 5 outlining recommendations by park, estimated cost (planning level/ballpark cost estimates or cost ranges) and priority.
- <u>Fee, Funding and Staffing Review.</u> A comparison and benchmark of La Crescent's staffing levels, park revenue and expenses, and park dedication and fee-in-lieu to data from up to four other Minnesota communities of comparable size. This section will include a calculation of the funding the City will need to collect from fee-in-lieu (or another source) to fund new parkland acquisition to meet the needs of new residents.
- Funding Opportunities. A summary table of common state and federal park grant programs including information on maximum awards and application due dates.
- ldentification of other non-traditional funding options to help mitigate potential funding
- Identification of potential partnerships to coordinate regional and other local park and trail planning efforts.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: Complete Survey Results and Public Meeting feedback. Chapter 4 will
 provide an abbreviated summary of the key results from the Community Survey and
 public meetings.
- Appendix B: Park and Open Space Classifications/Standards. A summary of classifications and general park system guidelines from the National Park and Recreation Association.
- o Appendix C: Maps. 11 x 17 copies of the following maps:
 - Map 1: Existing Parks and Trails

- Map 2: Park Facility Distribution
- Map 3: Park Service Areas
- Map 4: Potentially Underserved Areas
- Map 5: Proposed Park & Trail Facilities

Task 6.2: Staff Meeting #3

MSA will have a check-in with staff to discuss the draft plan. The plan will be updated based on this discussion.

Phase 7: Adoption (April 2022)

Task 7.1: PRC Meeting #4 (In person)

MSA will present the final plan to the PRC for review and recommendation to City Council.

Task 7.2: Planning Commission Meeting (In person)

MSA will present the final plan to Planning Commission for recommendation to City Council.

Task 7.3: City Council Presentation (In person)

MSA will present the final plan for adoption to City Council. We will provide a PDF copy of the plan to the City.

At the City's discretion, Common Council or the Planning Commission could hold a public hearing before adopting the plan.

SCHEDULE

We anticipate a start date in September 2021 with project completion by April 2022.

PROJECT COST

The lump sum fee for this scope is \$51,200.

Optional Costs

All PRC meetings in-person (+\$2,500)



Introduction

The City of La Crescent is updating its Park and Recreation Plan. This plan serves to guide the continual improvement of the City's parks, open space, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The City realizes the importance and benefits of parks, open space, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and is committed to meeting the needs of its current and future residents. By participating in this survey you are helping to shape the future of La Crescent!



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Respondent Profile	
These questions will help us understand how well the population of the community.	survey responses represent the overall
1. What is your age?	
Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44) 45-54
2. Do you have any children living in your home that are	e under the age of 18?
Yes	() No
3. Where do you live?	
City of La Crescent	City of Caledonia
City of La Crosse, WI	Oresbach Township
City of Hokah	La Crescent Township
City of Houston	Mound Prairie Township
City of Brownsville	Elsewhere in Houston County
City of Dakota	Elsewhere in Winona County
Other (please specify)	
4. How long have you lived in the City of La Crescent?	
0-5 years	
6-20 years	
More than 20 years	
I don't live in the City of La Crescent	



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La Crescent Park and Recreation Plan Survey

Bike/Pedestrian					
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5. How often do you					
	3 or more times per week	1-2 times per week	1-2 times per month	1-2 times per year	0 times in the past year
Walk or run for exercise	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Bike for exercise	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Walk for transportation from home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Bike for transportation from home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.	0	0	0	0	0
safely travel to the Cit					
7. Where would you p	orioritize the locati	on of new biking/v	valking trails withir	n the City's parks?	
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8. How close is the	e nearest park or t	rail to your home	?		
Within reasonal	ole walking and biking	distance			
Within reasonal	ole biking distance, bu	t not walking distance			
I have to drive					



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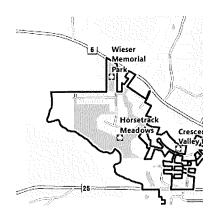
La Crescent Park and Recreation Plan Survey				
Parks/Open Space				
11. When visiting City parks, which activities or facilitie	s do you or members of your household most commonly			
participate in or use? Check all that apply.				
Playground Equipment	Walking			
Picnic Facilities (grills, shelters, etc.)	Biking			
Ball Diamonds	Bird/Nature Viewing			
Basketball Courts	Fishing			
Tennis Courts	Canoeing/Kayaking			
Volleyball Courts	Skate Park			
Athletic Fields (soccer, football, etc.)	Aquatic Center			
Other (please specify)				

Archery/Trap shooting range	Golf driving range	Restrooms
ATV trails	Horseshoe pits	Rugby field
Ball diamonds	Ice skating/Hockey rink	Sand volleyball courts
Basketball courts	Indoor athletic complex (for multiple	Shelters
Boating facilities	programs/sports)	Sidewalks
Bocce ball courts	Indoor pool	Site furnishings (benches, tables
Camping areas	Lacrosse fields	grills,etc.)
Canoe/Kayak facilities	Lighted Athletic Fields	Skateboarding facilities
Community Center	Off-road mountain biking trails	Sledding hill
Cricket field	Off-road walking/biking trails	Snowmobile trails
Curling rink	On-road bicycle facilities	Snowshoeing
Disc golf course	Park landscaping/Trees	Soccer fields
Dog park	Park parking lots	Splash pad
Equestrian Trails	Park signage/Directional signage	Stream & shoreline restoration
Fishing facilities	Pickle ball courts	Tennis courts
Football fields	Playground equipment (ages 6-23 months)	X-country skiing trails
Golf course	Playground equipment (ages 2-5	Zipline/Adventure Course
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	Playground equipment (ages 5-12 years)	
Other (please specify)		
13. What is your favorite park to	visit in the City of La Crescent?	
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Why is this park your favorite p	ark to visit in the City of La Crescent?	

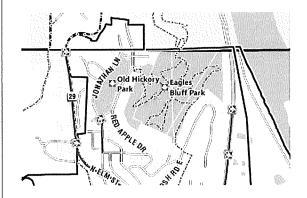


Park Master Plans

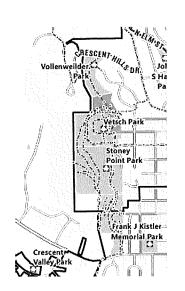
•	oped for the new park in the Horse Trac v). What kinds of amenities would you l es.	
Archery shooting range Ball diamond Basketball courts Bocce ball courts Camping areas Cross country skiing trails/hiking trails Disc golf course Dog Park Horseshoe pits	Improved biking trails Obstacle courses Off-road mountain biking trails Off-road walking trails Outdoor fitness equipment Outdoor Ice skating/hockey rink Pickleball courts Playground equipment (ages 2-5 years) Playground equipment (ages 6 months-23 months)	Playground equipment (ages 6-12 years) Pump track Restrooms Sand volleyball courts Sculpture/art park Sledding hills Zip line/adventure course
Other (please specify)		7



16. A master plan is being developed for Eagle's Bluff Park (see image below). What improvements	would you
like to see here? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.	
Additional walking trails	
Cross Country Trails	
Forestry and vegetation management	
Improved accessibility	
Invasive species management	
More parking	
Park shelter(s)	
Restrooms	
Signage	
Viewshed/overlook management	
Other (please specify)	



	master plan is being developed for Vetsch/Vollenweider/Stoney Point Parks (see image below). What overnents would you like to see here? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.
	Additional walking trails
	Forestry and vegetation management
	Improved accessibility
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	Invasive species management
	More parking
	Park Shelter(s)
	Restrooms
	Signage
	Viewshed/overlook management
and the second	Other (please specify)





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La Crescent Park and Recreation Plan Survey

Park/Open Space	Park/Open Space					
18. Do you have an	y concerns about	safety or access	ibility in any of our	parks?		
Yes						
O No						
If yes, please describe t	he name of the park a	and the concern.				
19. Excluding winter m	onths, on averag	e how often do yo	ou or members of y	our household vi	sit or use?	
	3 or more times per week	1-2 times per week	1-2 times per month	1-2 times per year	0 times in the past year	
City of La Crescent Parks	0	0	\circ	\bigcirc .	\circ	
Houston County Parks	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	
Winona County Parks	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	
State Parks, Forests or Natural Areas	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	
Town Parks	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	
City of La Crescent Trails	\bigcirc	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	
Mississippi River Trail	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	
Root River State Trail	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	
Other (please specify)						

20. How often do you or members of your househo Crescent to use specific recreational facilities?	old commonly drive somewhere outside of the City of La
Never	
1-2 times per year	
1-2 times per month	
1 or more times per week	
	facilities, please specify where you go and for what activities/facilities.
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	your household do not participate in recreational activities?
If yes, check all that apply.	
Not interested	Operating hours not convenient
I'm too busy	Poor customer service by staff
Facilities are not kept clean	Do not know locations of facilities
Facilities are not well maintained	Lack of transportation
Program or service is not available	Lack of personal resources (money, equipment, etc.)
Park doesn't contain desired features or facilities	Overcrowding
Security is insufficient	Medical Condition/Disability
Too far from our residence	Lack of restrooms
Lack of accessibility	
Other (please specify)	



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La Crescent Park and Recreation Plan Survey					
Parks/Open Space					
22. Do you think the City sl	nould spend less, more	, or maintain current levels of spe	ending for the following?		
		Maintain Current Level of			
	Spend less	Spending	Spend more		
Special Events	\circ	0	\circ		
Recreational Activities or Programs	0	0	\circ		
Park Maintenance (maintain existing grounds/facilities)	0	0	0		
Installing New Park Facilities/Equipment	0	\circ	0		
Parkland Acquisition	\circ	0	\circ		
Bicycle Facilities/Trails		0	\circ		
Sidewalk Facilities/Pedestrian Enhancements	0	\circ	0		
Tree Plantings	\circ	\circ	0		
23. If you would like the City to allocate additional funding for recreational programming, which programs should be enhanced? (select all that apply) I do not believe the City should allocate additional funding for recreational programming					
Youth enrichment (e.g. STEM, art)					
Youth sports (e.g. volleyball, soccer, tennis)					
Free After School and Summer Programs					
Adult recreation (e.g. yoga, zumba, photography)					
Adult sports (e.g. volleyball, pickleball, badminton)					

		ow to identify a type of r	ecreation program or service that the	City
should consider of	fering.			
	SALES AND			
25. Do you beli	eve that green space	contributes to better m	nental health and wellbeing?	
Yes				
○ No				
26 Dlease use thi	s anggo to provide ar	ov other comments rela	ting to pedestrian, bicycle, park and r	ecreation
	s in the City of La Cr		ung to pedestrian, bicycle, park and h	Solcation
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Thank you!

Thank you for helping shape the future of parks and recreation in the City of La Crescent! If you have any questions please contact City Hall at (507)-895-2595.

SAVE THE DATE!

The City will be hosting walking tours on Saturday October 2 at Eagles Bluff Park and Vollenweilder/Vetsch/Stone Point Parks to get additional feedback on improvements people would like to see at these locations. Please check the City's website for additional details.

City of La Crescent 2022 Park and Recreation Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2012 LA CRESCENT PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

- X indicates those recommendations that have been completed or will be shortly
- Stricken text indicates those recommendations that have not been completed and should not be carried forward in the new plan
- **Circle** indicates recommendations which have not been completed but should be carried forward in the new plan

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1	Abnet	Field
		Add ice skating area or outdoor hockey rink at the southeast corner.
2.		J. Kistler Memorial Park
۷.		Add landscaping in the interior portion of the park as well as around the edges to help
	ш	soften the environment of the park and enhance the visual attractiveness of the area.
		Add neighborhood connection off of the cul-de-sac bubble on 6 th Street South.
2		ckory Park
٥.		Establish a rain garden in all or a portion of the stormwater retention area.
		Add a sidewalk connecting the basketball court to the park shelter and sidewalk along
	Ц	Red Apple Dr.
		Pave gravel parking lot serving the shelter and playground area.
		Install an irrigation system to maintain high quality turf for soccer and softball.
4.		ans Park
		Remove vacant city owned single-family home within park.
		Add new soccer field.
		Add three new park pavilions.
		Relocate skate park.
		Add a small community amphitheater.
		Add playground area.
		Add new trails and walkways throughout the park to enhance connectivity within and
		external to the park.
		Construct new sand volleyball courts.
		Allocate an area for a cricket pitch.
		Add tree and shrub plantings throughout the park.
5.	Eagles	s Bluff Park
		Improve trails throughout the property.
		Add landscaping and a trail sign to entrance areas along Red Apple Drive and McIntosh
		Road.
		Construct a trail between Eagles Bluff Park and Veterans Park.
		Establish and maintain cross country ski trails.
		Establish picnic areas and scenic overlooks.

6.	6. North End Park		
		Add walking trails.	
		Add mountain biking trails and/or a pump track.	
7.	Other	Recommendations	
		Improve access to the Mississippi River – provide access via Blue Lake in short-term,	
		longer term, redevelop the Twilite area on Highway 61 to create direct access.	
		Enhance La Crescent's Front Door – add four features to enhance the sense of arrival to	
		the community and expand the range of recreational opportunities available to residents	
		and visitors.	
		Entry Plaza – Add a small welcoming plaza at the northwest corner of the intersection of	
		Highway 61 and 3 rd Street South.	
		Blue Lake Access – Develop a small park and public access on the city-owned property	
		adjacent to the County's recycling center on South Chestnut Street.	
		Dog Park – establish a dog park adjacent to the La Crescent Animal Rescue building on	
		South Chestnut Street.	
		Pedestrian Bridge – Construct a new pedestrian/bike bridge over Highway 61 near 1st	
		Street North to improve connectivity to the river.	
		Create a More Connected Trail System – two key regional and national segments	
		currently under various stages of planning and development are the Wagon Wheel Trail	
		and the Mississippi River Trail.	
		Paddling – pursue launch points on the creek near the Kistler Trailer Park.	

City of La Crescent 2021 Park and Recreation Plan Update

PARK ASSESSMENT FORM

During September/October MSA encourages members of the Commission to take some time to tour local parks to observe and document potential park improvements to incorporate into the update of the City's Park and Recreation Plan. Tours can be completed individually or as a mobile meeting. This form is intended to guide your visit.

The second page of this form includes each park's name followed by a box to indicate desired improvements considered a *need* versus a *want*. Needs generally address maintenance, access or safety items but can include installation of new or replacement equipment or facilities. Wants generally address something you would like to add to a park but may not be as essential in the short term.

As you tour each park consider the following:

- External access to the park (sidewalks, trails, bike routes etc.)
- Signage (including wayfinding to the park and onsite signage)
- Parking & circulation (vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle)
- Internal access to the park (accessible paths to play equipment, shelters or ball fields)
- Shelters and restrooms
- Support facilities (benches, picnic tables, water fountains, grills, etc.)
- Lighting
- Diversity of play equipment or recreational facilities
- Condition of play equipment or recreational facilities
- Location of play equipment or recreational facilities
- The size of the park and any opportunities for expansion
- The main users of the park and opportunities to increase their enjoyment of the park
- Opportunities to attract other users to the park
- Use of the park for special events and special event needs
- The demographics of the surrounding neighborhood and their potential needs
- How the park fits within the entire Park System

If you identify more than one want or one need for each park feel free to number each based on your determination of priority (one being the highest).

Abnet Field (S. 14th St.)

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Wants	Needs				
Crescent Valley Park (Valley Ln. and Crescent Ave.)	Crescent Valley Park (Valley Ln. and Crescent Ave.)				
Wants	Needs				
Eagles Bluff Park (Red Apple Dr.)					
Wants	Needs				
Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park/La Crescent Aquatic Center (S. 7 th St.)					
Wants	Needs				
j.					

John S. Harris Park (N. Elm St.)

Wants	Needs				
North End Park (Ambrosia St.)	North End Park (Ambrosia St.)				
Wants	Needs				
Old Hickory Park (Jonathan Ln.)					
Wants	Needs				
Valley South Park (Juniper St. and S. 11 th St.)					
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